

REPORT 2020 April Cycle

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

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REPORT INFORMATION

Report Funding Cycle: 2020 April Cycle	Report Date: 02/26/2021 12:00 am
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1: Please include in your report the dollar amount of the funds that were awarded, the date they were funded and what the funds supported.

Awarded Amount: 10,000	Date: 05/11/2020
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2: Were the objectives cited in your original proposal met? Please address each started objective and how it was met.

Special Reach met its objective of providing activity kits to children with special needs and their siblings in San Antonio during the COVID-19 pandemic. A total of 156 activity kits were provided to these precious children to offer relief during the pandemic. Thanks to the very generous support of The Najim Charitable Foundation, Special Reach was able to provide a wide range of activities in a variety of contexts. Our Birthday Cheer-Bys featured a minimum of 10 cars decorated with posters and other festive birthday decorations provided by Special Reach, as well as musical instruments such as tambourines, etc. At least 8 cars were equipped with a gift or treat for the child as we drove by to celebrate them on their birthday. We also provided our Multi-Entertainment Kits which the families took home for their entertainment. These kits included a soccer kit, backyard kit which featured 5 items for a backyard retreat, indoor kit which featured 7 items for indoor fun, and variety of other kits for fun at home. Further, we offered seasonal kits such as our Pumpkins N' Treats event which featured carvable pumpkins, paint sets, candy and more. Finally, we provided a visit from our inflatable friend Pearl the unicorn who offered outdoor activities at the home of these precious children.

3: Please explain any changes from the original proposal and the circumstances that lead to the modification of the objective.

After we submitted our grant request, we were asked to submit plans on how we will serve the children and families during the COVID-19 pandemic. There were no changes to this proposal. We provided the families we serve a variety of options on how to access the kits we offered because of the challenges presented by the pandemic. At the birthday cheer-bys, they received the kits at their driveway. Each element of the kit was given to the child by the driver of each car as they pulled up to the driveway. Examples of the items in this kit included Puzzle, birthday card, balloons, paint set or coloring book, slime, sports ball, sea toy, barbie doll, wand or crown. The Multi-Entertainment Kits were available for contactless pick-up at our administrative office. The indoor extravaganza kit is an example of a kit that the families took home for their enjoyment. It featured items such as Floor Puzzle (51 Pcs), Hop Bouncer Ball, Play Station 2 with controllers with choice of 2 games, and a mini trampoline. The drive-thru fall event allowed families to pick-up pumpkins, paint sets, scarecrow craft kit, candy of course, and other treats. This event continued virtually where we used these supplies to hold a pumpkin decorating contest and create scarecrows on Zoom with the Batman of San Antonio as our surprise guest.

4: What needs were addressed?

Children with special needs continue to struggle with socialization and many other areas of development, and their families continue to need frequent respite. This is the need we always strive to address. However, the COVID-19 pandemic caused Special Reach to halt all in-person programs and reach out to the families we serve to determine their immediate and pressing needs. One common thread was the absence of safe socialization opportunities for the children and their families as well as limited activities to keep the children engaged at home. This led us to create COVID-19 relief entertainment kits for the children we serve, and we offered a variety of ways to experience these kits. Thus, effectively addressing this need.

5: What method of evaluation did you use to monitor and measure the project's outcome and what are the result?

In spite of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic we showed significant growth in the number of children served in 2020. Our attendance data shows that 1,281 children attended our Programs in 2020, with 415 children unduplicated. This is significantly more than 2019 data which had an attendance of 915 children with 96 unduplicated. In our 2020 end-of year survey, 100% of respondents said that Special Reach programs had a positive impact on their families and provided a social outlet for their children during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are proud to report that these respondents rated Special Reach 5 out of 5 overall and 100% of respondents stated that we provided their families with a variety of safe activities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

6: Do you plan to continue this project, and if so, how do you plan to sustain it?

We are truly thankful for the ability to meet this need in our community. The Najim Charitable Foundation is a big reason for our growth and success. We plan to continue to serve the San Antonio community through our COVID-19 relief programs until it is safe to resume in-person programs. We are working to expand our funding base to help continue to serve these precious kids and their families. We have 3 fundraisers planned in 2021 and we are applying for grants from other grant makers. We are deeply grateful to the Najim Charitable Foundation for your continued support.

7: Please provide any other comments of information relevant to this grant.

We are committed to honoring the trust that The Najim Charitable Foundation has in us by ensuring that we are effectively serving children with special needs and their families. Thank you so much for your continued support of Special Reach and the San Antonio community.

8: Please provide an updated detailed projected budget with expenses for the received grant. Also include the totals for the budgeted and actual amount. Explain any discrepancies between the budgeted and the actual expenses for the project.

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Najim Requested Funds	Project Funds Actual	Najim Funds Allocation
Program Equipment/Supplies	\$15,500	\$7,500	\$4100	\$3000

Program Facility Rental	\$6,500	\$3,500	\$150	\$0
Background Checks	\$450	\$200	\$177	\$0
Volunteer/Staff Training/meetings	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
Storage unit for program supplies	\$600	\$500	\$1056	\$0
Automobile and Travel	\$4,500	\$3,500	\$1459	\$0
Printing/Marketing/ Publications	\$2,900	\$1,000	\$134	\$0
Program Staff	\$174,720	\$7,800	\$182408	\$1000
Program Software	\$2,100	\$0	\$1809	\$1500
Program Cell phone	\$1,094	\$0	\$1887	\$1000
Program Insurance	\$6,000	\$0	\$7312	\$3500
Depreciation	\$11,470	\$0	\$8547	\$0
TOTAL:	\$226,834	\$25,000	\$209,039	\$10,000
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